

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
LAND USE MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATEWIDE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2004 INTEGRATED LIST OF
WATERBODIES (303(d) LIST)

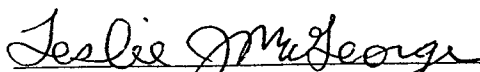
Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is seeking public comment on a proposed 2004 Integrated List of Waterbodies (which includes the 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies). This List is intended to satisfy New Jersey's requirement under section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1313(d)). The Department proposed the 2004 Integrated List of Waterbodies on October 20, 2003 (see 35 N.J.R. 4920(a)). This proposed 2004 Integrated List incorporates changes based upon comments on the 2004 Integrated List published on October 20, 2003 and includes the assessment of the Delaware River/Bay.

The revised 2004 Integrated List of Waterbodies is available for review from the Bureau of Water Quality Standards and Assessment, PO Box 409, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, from the Department's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/wmm/sgwqt/wat/integratedlist/integratedlist2004.html> or by calling (609)777-1753.

The State is required to biennially prepare and submit to USEPA a report addressing the overall water quality of the State's waters in accordance with Section 305(b) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1315(b)). This report is commonly referred to as the 305(b) Report or the Water Quality Inventory Report. The Federal Clean Water Act under Section 303 (d)(1)(A) also requires the State to issue a list of water quality limited waters. This list has been known as the 303(d) List.

The proposed Integrated List of Waters is a proposed amendment to the Statewide Water Quality Management Plan as part of the Department's continuing planning process pursuant to the Water Quality Planning Act at N.J.S.A. 58:11A-7. After review and consideration of comments received on the proposed 2004 Integrated List of Waterbodies, the Department will prepare the 2004 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report which will include the finalized Integrated List and the Methods Document as well as the 305(b) components such as use attainment, source and cause and program information.

Interested persons should submit written comments on the Integrated List to Debra Hammond, Bureau of Water Quality Standards and Assessment, PO Box 409, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625. All comments must be submitted by March 31, 2004.


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